

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An ironing organizer assembly comprising;
a backboard **12** including arms **14** for cradling the legs of an ironing
5 board, and
a shelf **16** for projecting from said backboard **12**,
said assembly characterized by a coupling for removably connecting
said shelf **16** to said backboard **12**.
- 10 2. An assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said coupling includes a
backboard connector **26** and a shelf connector **28** that mechanically interconnect with
one another for supporting said shelf **16** in a cantilevered position extending
forwardly from said backboard **12**.
- 15 3. An assembly as set forth in claim 2 wherein said coupling includes a
retainer for removably supporting said shelf **16** in a storage position extending parallel
and in overlapping relationship to said backboard **12**.
- 20 4. An assembly as set forth in claim 3 wherein said retainer includes a hanger
disposed on said shelf **16** for engaging said backboard connector **26** for suspending
said shelf **16** in said storage position.

5. An assembly as set forth in claim 4 wherein said retainer includes at least one tab **64** extending laterally from said shelf **16** for engaging one of said arms **14** in said storage position to retain said shelf **16** inside of said arms **14** and in said parallel relationship to said backboard **12**.

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6. An assembly as set forth in claim 5 wherein said backboard connector **26** includes a pair of embossments spaced laterally from one another and each having a top **30** and spaced sides **32** with a pair of flanges **34** extending in opposite directions from said sides **32** to define inside grooves facing one another and outside grooves, and said shelf connector **28** includes a pair of C-shaped channels each with a cover **36** and opposing tongues **38** for sliding said tongues **38** into said grooves with said cover **36** engaging said top **30** for supporting said shelf **16** in said cantilevered position.

7. An assembly as set forth in claim 6 wherein said embossments include a bottom **60** at the lower extremity of each of said inside facing grooves and said hanger includes a pair of projections **58** extending in opposite directions from said shelf **16** for sliding engagement with said inside grooves and resting upon said bottoms **60** for suspending said shelf **16** from said backboard **12** in said storage position.

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8. An assembly as set forth in claim 7 including a detent **40** disposed above each of said embossments for engaging said covers **36** of said C-shaped channels for retaining said shelf **16** in said cantilevered position.

9. An assembly as set forth in claim 7 wherein said shelf **16** includes a shelf surface **42** with a back wall **44** extending between ends and sidewalls **46** having upper and lower edges **50** extending forwardly from said ends of said back wall **44**, said C-shaped channels being disposed in said back wall **44** and said tabs **64**
5 extending laterally from said upper edges **48** of said sidewalls **46** at said ends of said back wall **44**.

10. An assembly as set forth in claim 9 wherein said shelf **16** defines a front portion **62** more narrow than the distance between said ends of said back wall **44**
10 and less than the distance between said inside grooves with said projections **58** being disposed on opposite sides of said front portion **62** of said shelf **16** and at said lower edges **50** of said sidewalls **46**.

11. An assembly as set forth in claim 10 wherein said shelf **16** includes a
15 cleat **54** projecting forwardly of said front portion **62** for winding a chord thereabout.

12. An assembly as set forth in claim 10 wherein each of said arms **14** projects outwardly from said backboard **12** through an upwardly and inwardly inclined surface **66** for receiving the diverging legs of an ironing board to an inwardly
20 directed finger **68** for retaining the legs on said inclined surface **66** and for overlying one of said tabs **64** when said shelf **16** is in said storage position.

13. An assembly as set forth in claim 12 including mounting holes **70** extending thorough said embossments for mounting said backboard **12** to a structure.

14. An assembly as set forth in claim 12 wherein said backboard **12** includes an upper shoulder **20** and a nose **22** extending upwardly from said upper shoulder **20** and defining a hole therethrough.

15. An assembly as set forth in claim 14 including a wrapper surrounding said backboard **12** and said shelf **16** in said storage position and engaging said upper shoulder **20** and defining an opening **24** with said nose **22** extending therethrough.

16. An assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said backboard connector **26** includes a pair of embossments spaced laterally from one another and each having a top **30** and spaced sides **32** with a pair of flanges **34** extending in opposite directions from said sides **32** to define inside grooves facing one another and outside grooves, and said shelf connector **28** includes a pair of C-shaped channels each with a cover **36** and opposing tongues **38** for sliding said tongues **38** into said grooves with said cover **36** engaging said top **30** for supporting said shelf **16** in said cantilevered position.

17. An assembly as set forth in claim 16 including a detent **40** disposed above each of said embossments for engaging said covers **36** of said C-shaped channels for retaining said shelf **16** in said cantilevered position.

18. An assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said coupling includes a retainer for removably supporting said shelf **16** in a storage position extending parallel and in overlapping relationship to said backboard **12**.

5 19. An assembly as set forth in claim 18 wherein said retainer includes a hanger disposed on said shelf **16** for engaging said backboard **12** for suspending said shelf **16** in said storage position and at least one tab **64** extending laterally from said shelf **16** for engaging one of said arms **14** in said storage position to retain said shelf **16** inside of said arms **14** and in said parallel relationship to said backboard **12**.

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20. An assembly as set forth in claim 3 including a wrapper surrounding said backboard **12** and said shelf **16** in said storage position.